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As Honorary Chairman for the 75th Anniversary of the National Park Service, I am delighted to join in celebrating three-quarters of a century of caring for our nation's scenic and historic treasures.

Like snapshots in a family album, our national parks tell the story of America -- its wondrous places, momentous events, and unforgettable people. The National Park System includes our most beloved and stirring sites -- Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, Independence Hall, the Lincoln Memorial, and our welcoming Statue of Liberty.

For Americans and international visitors alike, our national parks offer splendid opportunities to explore this country's great beauty and to learn the rich lessons of our past. Parks exist for us to enjoy and to cherish -- now and for generations to come.

On this special anniversary, we owe a debt of thanks to the workers and volunteers who watch over our national estate and who share their knowledge and enthusiasm with millions of visitors every year.

At its outset the concept of a national park system was unique to our young country. Today we can take pride in knowing that this innovative idea -- this ethic of conservation -- has spread throughout the world. Happy anniversary to the National Park Service and to all of us who share in the infinite pleasures of America's national parks.

Barbara Bush



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75TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCES OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE _____

OVERVIEW

All units of the national park system are celebrating the Diamond Anniversary of the National Park Service. Consistent with the theme of the anniversary -

*Protecting the Past, Managing the
Present, and Investing in the Future*

- NPS employees are focusing on the historic, contemporary, and future roles of the organization established to care for the crown jewels of this nation, the national parks, monuments, and historic sites of America.



HIGHLIGHTS

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK DEDICATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK RANGER MUSEUM

One of the most important events on the actual date of the National Park Service 75th Anniversary, Sunday, August 25, 1991, will be the dedication of the National Park Ranger Museum. The new museum, will be located along the main thoroughfare of the first national park in the world. Housed in the rustic Old Norris Soldier Station, exhibits and audiovisual programs will display the colorful history, evolution, and duties of employees who work in national parks.

Targeting the youth of the nation, the museum will also highlight the current and future work of all NPS employees. Rather than a "hall of heroes," the museum will acknowledge the overall contributions of the Ranger cadre and its challenges for the next 75 years. Appropriately, the museum will also commemorate the roots of the national park ranger movement: the United States Army which operated both Yellowstone and Yosemite in the two decades prior to the establishment of the National Park Service.

Donated funds from the private sector, foundations, and NPS employees have ensured the completion of this museum in time for the August 25th dedication date.

Additional major events in Yellowstone National Park during the anniversary celebrations include:

IMAGINE YELLOWSTONE ARTS FESTIVAL

1991 presentation of fifth through 12th grade youths' illustrative art, dance, music, and drama. The theme for the third year of this festival is *"CELEBRATING OUR PARKS IN THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY."* It encourages young people to look at parks as have many artists of the past, such as Thomas Moran, William Henry Jackson and Albert Bierstadt. Though the festival is not a competition, but a sharing of ideas in art form, awards are made to acknowledge profound world conceptions expressed by students as well as outstanding creativity and media skills. There were 350 entries last year from 35 states. The park is encouraging international submissions and has received two from Germany so far. Sponsors are being sought to bring students and families to Yellowstone for award presentation on the 75th Anniversary weekend in August, 1991.

CHILDREN'S FIRE TRAIL DEDICATION

This 1/2-mile trail through diverse habitats explores burned and unburned areas to look at ecological ramifications of fire on the northern Rocky Mountain ecosystem. To be dedicated in Spring 1991, the trail was built with donations from children concerned about the future of Yellowstone after the fires of 1988.



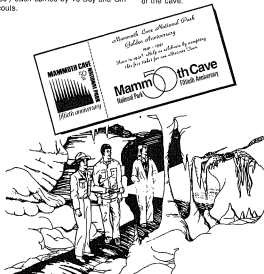
MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK DUAL ANNIVERSARY, NPS 75TH AND MAMMOTH CAVE'S 50TH_____

On Sunday, June 30th, Mammoth Cave National Park will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of its establishment as well as the 75th Anniversary of the National Park Service. A formal rededication of the cave will include:

- Reenactment of the 1941 dedication ceremony.
- Unfurling of the giant (45' X 90') Mt. Rushmore United States Flag from a 60-ton crane.
- Presentation of ten "Peace Flags" (20' x 30') each carried by 10 Boy and Girl Scouts.

- Artillery salutes.
- Traditional Kentucky music, children clog dancing, etc.
- Antique car shows from 1916 and 1941 vintage.
- Quilt making contests.

Throughout 1991, beautifully embossed complimentary tickets will be presented to all visitors born in 1941, the same year in which Mammoth Cave National Park was established. The bearer of the ticket is entitled to a free ranger-guided historic tour of the cave.



RAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

PROVED SERVICE FROM THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

ible and rededicated emphasis on the word "Service" in our name is the 1991 goal for the 75th Anniversary in Grand Teton National Park. Following an established pattern in this park, managers and staff will continue to acquire more and better information about visitor needs regarding services, scheduling, and facilities.

Baseline data surveys have revealed information about visitor demographics. For example, a 1988 survey that showed 70 percent of visitors to be younger than 30 years old resulted in expanded educational efforts in the park for children and a "Young Naturalist Program."

For the last three years, the assistant superintendent of the park presented once-a-week campfire programs designed specifically to elicit from visitors suggestions for improvements. Results

have included longer seasons of open road access, planning for public showers, development of new exhibits, and picnic areas. Also, after a review of complaints received, the assistant superintendent personally follows up with a phone call, not just a letter.

Park staff participate in training of the hundreds of park concession employees, orienting them to NPS traditions and history and offering tips on how to better serve the public. NPS employees receive a day of training, "Excellence in Service," with chief emphasis on visitor satisfaction.

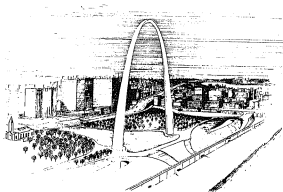
Some unfortunate visitors are well acquainted with citations for improper conduct or illegal behavior. In the 75th Anniversary year, more careful visitors will soon be greeted with Visitor Compliment Cards, briefly describing a ranger's observation of an event in which "We caught you - doing something right; many thanks."



JEFFERSON NATIONAL EXPANSION MEMORIAL

The Veiled Prophet Fair, Labor Day weekend, is a community-wide celebration for the city of St. Louis, the centerpiece of which is the famous arch of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. This event will carry the imprimatur this year of the NPS Diamond Anniversary.

75th Anniversary celebrations will augment the St. Louis School Partnership Program, including classroom or on-site museum programs to schoolchildren presented by national park rangers. Programs may focus on NPS activities and resource issues in urban areas across the United States.



THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE "FAMILY PICNIC"

SUMMER SUNDAY IN THE PARK

Founders Day, Sunday, August 25, 1991, is the appropriate date for the employees of the National Park Service to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary, and Washington, D.C., will be the site of the chief national commemoration.

All employees and retirees are encouraged to come to the Capitol City for the family picnic co-sponsored by the Employee and Alumni Association and the 1916 Society. The buffet-style serving and picnic will be centered south of the Lincoln Memorial reflecting pool near the soccer field on Ash Road.

Invited dignitaries, employees, retirees, and family members will enjoy music, games, door prizes, displays, a "petting farm," and events by the U.S. Park Police Dog and Horse Team. The event will be capped off with a reenactment of President Woodrow Wilson's signing of the Organic Act creating the National Park Service and will be narrated by Historian Edwin C. Bearss. The day's celebrations will be concluded with fireworks.

In addition to the celebratory activities planned, the family picnic will also be an opportunity to recognize achieving employees, volunteers, seasonals, and student conservation association aides with appropriate honors and awards.



NATIONAL CAPITOL PARKS _____

On the NPS Founders' Day weekend, the National Capital Region will host an extensive fair along the mall (bounded by Constitution Avenue, 15th Street, 14th Street, and Madison Drive). August 23rd (Friday) through August 24th (Saturday) tents, booths, and exhibits will be set up in the area to interpret and display to all visitors the rich diversity of national park resources in the vicinity of the national capitol.

The ceremonies will be augmented by the U.S. Army Band which will be requested to feature music pertinent to national park themes (e.g., "Garry Owen" for Custer Battlefield, "The Yellowstone Symphony" for the world's first national park, "Daybreak at Mesa Verde" for the Service's first major archeological park, "Grand Canyon Suite," etc.).

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK _____

ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY FOSTERED IN EVERGLADES' 75TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL CAMPING PROGRAM

Numerous south Florida schools participate in three-day camping experiences directed towards better youth understanding of world environmental issues as well as direct threats to the Everglades ecosystem. This year each group will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the National Park Service at the conclusion of the camp-out. "Birthday cards" designed by the youthful campers on the theme of "what parks mean to me" will be displayed for the enjoyment and education of park visitors.

FEDERAL / STATE / LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS HIGHLIGHTED AT ROYAL PALM STATE PARK

The first state park in Florida, Royal Palm, was established the same year as the National Park Service, and formed the resource core of what later became Everglades National Park. Once again, children - as the inheritors of partnership legacies - will be highlighted at Royal Palm. For a three-day period in March or April of 1991, a group of multi-ethnic fifth grade students from Gary, Indiana, and Homestead, Florida, will participate in an environmental education exchange program at Everglades. The program is designed to expose children to cultures and environments totally different from their own. Park staff from both Indiana Dunes and Everglades will be presenting activities relating to the critical issues facing the Everglades.

THE BIGGEST "OLD GLORY" YOU'VE EVER SEEN!

The patriotic theme of many national parks and monuments will be emphasized in a big way in 1991. A tremendous United States flag – dubbed the Mt. Rushmore Flag because of its use to unveil the Lincoln figure at the anniversary of its completion in 1987 – will be on the road again for venues at key park celebrations.

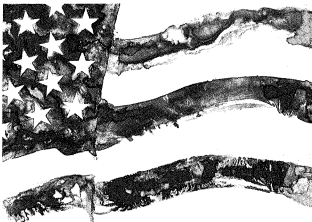
This huge symbol of America will be unfurled for the 75th Anniversary of the National Park Service and the 50th Anniversary of Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky, at that site's rededication ceremony on June 29th.

From July 3rd through the 5th, the flag will be at Mt. Rushmore again for a museum display and folding ceremony.

Two days later this monster version of Old Glory will travel to North Dakota for another viewing at Theodore Roosevelt National Park on July 6th.

The biggest Old Glory you've ever seen. You bet! The length of the stars-and-bars is 90 feet, and it is 45 feet in width. It weighs 300 pounds, and flies from a crane with a 100-ton test rope. Four hundred volunteers are needed to refold it into its 900-pound cherrywood chest. When not traveling, the chest and flag are stored aboard the USS Constitution in Boston Harbor.

Call the park areas named above for details on ceremonies and the appearance of this ultimate banner.



SERVICEWIDE REDEDICATION OF AN IMPORTANT BRONZE PLAQUE



In 1931, two years after the death of NPS first director, Stephen Tyng Mather, artist Bryant Baker completed a bas relief sculpture incorporated on a bronze tablet, the text of which commemorated Mather's contributions:

He laid the foundation of the National Park Service, defining and establishing the policies under which its areas shall be developed and conserved, unimpaired for future generations. There will never come an end to the good he has done.

The next year, on July 4, 1932, the 65th anniversary of Mather's birth, the tablet was mounted and dedicated in several national parks. In 1991, Ranger Hank Schoch, Colorado National Monument, is orchestrating the production of the new/old tablets with the original foundry, Gorham Bronze, now located in South Carolina. It will be particularly popular in parks where the original has disappeared and areas not

in existence at the time of the original installations. The rededication of the plaque will coincide with ceremonies commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the organization Mather helped to found.

Rededication of the Mather plaques will appropriately remind employees and visitors of the spirit symbolized in the original bronze tablets. NPS areas participating in the rededication include:

- Great Basin National Park, Nevada
- Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Texas
- Big Cypress National Preserve, Florida
- Chamizal National Memorial, Texas
- Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, California
- Colorado National Monument, Colorado
- Pipe Springs National Monument, Arizona
- Rocky Mountain Regional Office and Denver Service Center
- Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS
- Boston NHP
- Ft. Clatsop NMEM
- Golden Spike NHS
- Petersburg NB
- Gettysburg NB
- Carlsbad NP

SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK

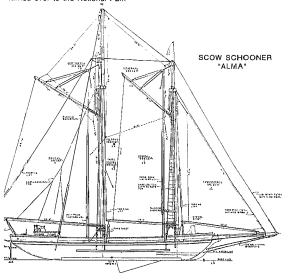
ECT PARTNERSHIP

he bridges and freeways that cross
ircle San Francisco Bay and its
as, commerce moved on barges
ith sails and powered by the wind.
chooners" they were called, and
re the trucks of yesteryear. Today
one left, the ALMA.

60 years old this year and she still
now as the ambassador of the San
co Maritime National Historical
he was rescued in 1959 by the
a State Department of Parks which
100 years old this year. In 1977
turned over to the National Park

Service, which celebrates its 75th Anniversary this year.

The ALMA nicely embodies the partnership that does exist among park administrations, and the confluence of anniversaries has prompted a voyage to cooperation. This summer the directors of the National Park Service, the California Department of Parks, the East Bay Regional Parks, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife will sail on the ALMA to each of the islands in San Francisco Bay managed by the above administrations - forging a perfect partnership!



GENERAL IDEAS



IDEAS FOR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

EXHIBITS/DEMONSTRATIONS/EVENTS

- crafts, folk music, art, dance – historical significance displayed
- films – film/video festivals. Show films on a regular basis that deal with the history of the NPS.
- exhibits on history of NPS
- time lines
- local theater groups/performing artists "perform" history of the NPS
- concerts and bands
- demonstrations and exhibits of local arts and crafts
- "old-time" uniforms
- travelling exhibits throughout the parks
- exhibit or display old reports and records from early days of park operations (superintendent's diaries, staff field notes, park publications, press releases, etc.). This is particularly appropriate for parks established during or before 1916, but also appropriate for all parks celebrating dual anniversaries. (Pipe Spring NM, Utah)

OUTREACH TO SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY *schools, scout groups, old-age homes, and hospitals:*

- Junior Ranger program
- historic games for children – what did kids do 75 years ago? Ranger could introduce these.
- art, photo, and essay contests in schools
- special cleanup events with community groups
- floats for local parades

- express appreciation and thanks to helpful communities
- displays in local libraries and schools and banks

MEDIA

- public service announcements on radio and TV
- press releases
- articles in newspapers and segments on radio and TV regarding history of the park, growth over the years, future, etc.
- "Happy Anniversary" headline and articles in park newspaper

FOR VISITORS ON AUGUST 25

- fee-free day/weekend
- open house
- serve "birthday cake" and refreshments
- decorate visitor center
- special recognition to visitors born in 1916
- honor each 75th visitor/car
- involve dignitaries – Congressmen, Senators, Governors, Mayors, etc.

FOR VISITORS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR (1991)

- guest lectures
- brochures, bulletins, articles, etc., about NPS and park history
- educational campfire programs
- trivia games – "National Park of the Day" quiz
- pick a significant number visitor (millionth, etc.) honor them

EMPLOYEES

- purchase updated materials (books, etc.) in honor of the 75th Anniversary for park libraries
- employee appreciation day
- T-shirts with logo to be worn
- pin and badges with logo

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS WITH LOGO REFERENCE TO 75TH

- letterhead, envelopes
- banners, flags
- pennants
- pins
- badges
- postage/cancellation stamp
- post card sets
- bookmarks
- concessioner printed items – cups, napkins, menus, table tent cards
- coffee mugs
- ball caps
- T-shirts
- stickers
- paperweight
- key fob
- badge plaque
- postal cachet
- books
- medallions



- calendars
- commemorative knife
- poster
- lithograph print
- canvas tote bag
- trivets
- place mats
- glass pictures
- book bag

UNIQUE IDEAS



SPECIAL EVENTS/IDEAS

(Parks submitting plan idea shown in parentheses.)

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

NP	National Park
NHS	National Historic Site
NB	National Battlefield
NMEM	National Memorial
NRA	National Recreation Area
NBS	National Battlefield Site
NBP	National Battlefield Park
NL	National Lakeshore
NM	National Monument
NMP	National Military Park
NPRES	National Preserve
NR	National River or Riverway
NS	National Seashore
NSR	National Scenic River or Riverway
PKWY	Parkway

LOGO / REFERENCE

- grocery bags printed with 75th Anniversary logo (*Andrew Johnson NHS, Tennessee*)
- trash bags with logo and a printed admonition of the problems of litter given to all visitors to NPS areas (*Petrified Forest NP, Arizona*)
- 75th Anniversary highway sign (*Petersburg NB, Virginia*)
- gift catalog (*Everglades NP, Florida*)

EXHIBITS DEMONSTRATIONS TALKS

- map showing growth of National Park Service – parks could be color-coded in 10-year increments (*Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS, Kentucky*)
- exhibit featuring careers and significant accomplishments (past and present) of women involved in the National Park Service (*Andersonville NHS, Georgia*)
- traveling exhibit focusing on the history of women in the National Park Service from the earliest years until now (*Andersonville NHS, Georgia*)
- observe Black History Month and Women's History Month through exhibits pertaining to history (*Mammoth Cave NP, Kentucky*)
- video portraits of staff – make a video of staff and activities for the visitor center (*Independence NHP, Pennsylvania*)
- old-time uniform day – rangers wear reproduction uniforms, perhaps on August 25th (*Apostle Islands NL, Wisconsin*)
- oral history interviews with former park employees (*Bandelier NM, New Mexico*)

- invite former superintendents and management assistants to present talks and reminisce (*Big Hole NB & Bighorn Canyon NRA, Montana*)
- "Close Encounters of the Park Service Kind" – an "actor" would approach visitors and reminisce about NPS history, etc. (*Independence NHP, Pennsylvania*)
- living history presentations (*Mount Rushmore NMEM, South Dakota*)
- formation of reenactment unit to exemplify life of a black soldier from 1916 (*National Capital Parks – East, D.C.*)

OUTREACH

- donate pertinent books related to the National Park Service and area parks to local schools and libraries (*Arches NP, Natural Bridges NM, Canyonlands NP, Utah*)
- environmental education programs in schools (*Arches NP, Natural Bridges NM, Canyonlands NP, Utah*)
- contact local civic organizations and request that focus of local oratorical contests be relevant to NPS anniversary (*Assateague Island NS, Maryland*)
- puppet shows on NPS history for schools, shopping malls, libraries, etc. (*Booker T. Washington NM, Virginia and Saguaro NM, Arizona*)
- support school seminars concerning the 75th Anniversary (*Grand Teton NP, Wyoming*)
- curriculum package about the National Park Service to be used by teachers (*North Atlantic Regional Office, Massachusetts*)
- public meetings – opportunity for citizens to offer suggestions for the management and restoration of the park (*Everglades NP, Florida*)
- commemorative tree plantings with the community (*Everglades NP, Florida*)
- develop a course at a local college on area history or on all of the National Park Service (*Everglades NP, Florida*)
- begin a recycling program – investing in the future! (*Devils Tower NM, Wyoming*)
- fun run/walk – T-shirts for participants (*Colorado NM, Colorado*)
- benefit golf tournament (*White Sands NM, New Mexico*)
- picnic for ex-POW's who are supportive of parks (*Andersonville NHS, Georgia*)

MEDIA

- begin daily feature on local National Public Radio affiliate – station that will offer 365 tidbits of information on area-specific and NPS topics (*Colorado NM, Colorado*)
- weekly radio show featuring park staff – discuss park issues, NPS history, management, etc. (*Pictured Rocks NL, Michigan*)
- provide a public service announcement by Vice President Dan Quayle to local television stations (*Harpers Ferry Center, West Virginia*)

FOR VISITORS

- public slide show night – visitors can bring up to five slides of NPS areas they have visited and can discuss them (*Apostle Islands NL, Wisconsin*)
- "Day in the life of" programs – insights into the typical day of a park ranger (*Alaska Regional Office, Alaska, and Gettysburg NMP/Eisenhower NHS, Pennsylvania*)
- behind the scenes tours of park operations for area residents and visitors (*Glacier NP, Montana*)

- provide visitors a copy of the Organic Act in handbill form (*Harpers Ferry Center, West Virginia*)
- parkwide "stewardship day" – involve the public in the protection of natural and cultural resources (*Gateway NRA, New York*)
- "VIP-for-a-Day" program – short-term projects for visitor volunteers that could be accomplished in a limited time (i.e., revegetate a campground) (*Bryce Canyon NP, Utah*)
- parks fair (*National Capital Region, D.C.*)
- "Nostalgia Day" – feature history and early years of park operations (*Carlsbad Caverns NP, New Mexico*)
- vintage car show and quilting bee (*Mammoth Cave NP, Kentucky*)
- talk/seminar emphasizing challenges from 1990-2000 for the National Park Service (*Capitol Reef NP, Utah*)

ON AUGUST 25

- discounts from concessionaires – work with concessionaire and local chamber of commerce (*Apostle Islands NL, Wisconsin*)
- sunrise ceremony – the first place the sun hits a national park is Acadia. This idea could be expanded to when the first place the sun hits each region, first place it sets, last place it sets, etc. (*Acadia NP, Maine*)

FOR EMPLOYEES

- reunion picnic of old-timers who worked on facilities for the parks (*Black Canyon of the Gunnison NM, Colorado*)
- in-house construction of an anniversary quilt made of fabric from each NPS area. Raffle it to an employee or volunteer (*George Washington Birthplace NM and Thomas Stone NHS, Virginia*)
- coordinate with the U.S. Forest Service "Centennial" celebrations (*Grand Canyon NP, Arizona and Glacier NP, Montana*)
- coordinate with state parks (*Horseshoe Bend NMP, Alabama*)
- formulation of partnership organizations (Chamber of Commerce and Mayor's Office) to foster goodwill and interaction (*Salinas Pueblo Missions NM, New Mexico*)

MISCELLANEOUS

- reenactment of trans-Sierra Mather pack horse trips (*Sequoia NP and Devils Postpile NM, California*)
- VIP recognition luncheon (*Biscayne NP, Florida*)
- time capsule to be stored on August 25, 1991, to be opened in 2016 (*Everglades NP, Florida and Yosemite NP, California*)

TRAINING / IN-HOUSE EVENTS AND IDEAS

In general, NPS employees will be trained to better understand and communicate the importance of the anniversary. In training events, the history and mission of the National Park Service will be emphasized. Cooperating associations and concessionaires should be included. Official logo will be worn on all uniforms as a commemorative pin.

Apostle Islands NL (Wisconsin): May (training week) special one-day "mini-orientation" on history, etc. Evening parkwide potluck supper to conclude the day. Monthly general staff meetings augmented with NPS "trivia contest." "Employee of the Month."

Appomattox Court House NHP (Virginia): Publicly recognize Volunteers in the Parks (VIPs). Encourage all employees to read Freeman Tilden's Interpreting Our Heritage and other entries on a select bibliography.

Arches NP, Natural Bridges NM, Canyonlands NP (Utah): March and August – seasonal training program; special session on "First 75 Years."

Bighorn Canyon NRA (Montana): Seminars will be hosted by the National Park Service for local cooperators, agencies, and concessionaires.

Bryce Canyon NP (Utah): Special recognition of NPS employees who work "behind the scenes."

Cumberland Gap NHP (Kentucky): Visitor center exhibit will highlight contributions of various park employees over the years.

Everglades NP (Florida): Party for park concession and association employees with an in-house "fashion show" of NPS uniforms through the ages PLUS ideas (spoofs) of future designs! Monthly speakers at lunch for employees. Present a variety of topics on NPS history and future challenges.

Great Smoky Mountains NP (Tennessee): September – National Reunion of the NPS Employee and Alumni Association.

Independence NHP (Pennsylvania): In the visitor center, show a video descriptive of NPS staff activities.

Lincoln Home NHS (Illinois): Photographic and biographic display on current park staff members.

Grand Teton NP (Wyoming): Renovation of seasonal employee quarters and new units constructed.

Saguaro NM (Arizona): Potluck barbecue for all Saguaro retirees, employees, VIP's, friends, neighbors, suppliers, contractors, and cooperating government agencies. Monthly speaker for employees on NPS topics.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

Jan. 5 – Mar. 10 – Effigy Mounds NM (Iowa) – 10-week Winter Film Festival; student arts and crafts displays.

FEBRUARY

All Month – Arkansas Post NMEM (Arkansas) – Black History Month Program focusing on historic contributions of black NPS employees.

11 – Death Valley NM (California) – 58th Anniversary celebration.

23-24 – Moores Creek NB (North Carolina) – Anniversary celebration of Battle of Widow Moores Creek and dedication of reconstructed Moores Creek Bridge.

MARCH

1 – Yellowstone NP (Wyoming) – Yellowstone's Establishment Day (1872).

30 – Petersburg NB (Virginia) – Dedication ceremony. Conservation Fund is donating 830 acres of the Five Forks Battlefield to the National Park Service as an addition to Petersburg NB.

APRIL

All Month – Jean Lafitte NHP (Louisiana) – Opening of Prairie Acadian Cultural Center, Eunice, Louisiana.

All Month – Mammoth Cave NP (Kentucky) – "Dogwood Festival"

All Month – Arkansas Post NMEM (Arkansas) – Dedication of new exhibits.

6-7 – Delaware Water Gap NRA (Pennsylvania) – 25th Symposium.

9 – Andersonville NHS (Georgia) – Picnic inviting ex-POW's who are supportive of park and its programs.

20 – Herbert Hoover NHS (Iowa) – Conference on the issue of park selection.

27 – John Muir NHS (California) – Muir's birthday celebration.

MAY

All Month – Glacier NP (Montana) – "Behind the Scenes" tour of park operations for area residents and visitors in conjunction with the park's birthday.

All Month – Mammoth Cave NP (Kentucky) – Wildflower Pilgrimage.

11 – Cuyahoga Valley NRA (Ohio) – Corporate cleanup.

21 – Yellowstone NP (Wyoming) – Gala celebration for Lake Hotel Centennial.

24 – Colorado NM (Colorado) – 80th Anniversary mini-jamboree for scouts and fun run/walk.

29 – Acadia NP (Maine) – Third Annual Junior Ranger Field Day. All third grade classes in the district invited to receive their Junior Ranger pins, be sworn in, participate in shoreline cleanup (approximately 250 students).

May – Aug. – Yellowstone NP (Wyoming)
– "Imagine Yellowstone" Arts Festival.

JUNE

All Month – John Muir NHS (California) – History of women in the NPS, exhibit, etc.

All Month – Yellowstone NP (Wyoming) – Children's Fire Trail Dedication; Grizzly Bear Exhibit opens at Grant Village.

8 – Acadia NP (Maine):

Morning: Rededication ceremony (dual 75th Anniversaries) at Jordan Pond featuring readings from the original dedication ceremony. Attended by dignitaries and state and local officials.

Afternoon: "Roots: Tracing Acadia's Origins." Guided walking tours. By reservation or in person at the visitor center.

Evening: Open house at park headquarters featuring a display of historic photographs. Special guests will be former Acadia staff. Community welcome.

20-30 – Mammoth Cave NP (Kentucky) – Establishment Day and Mammoth Cave Association Meeting.

27-30 – Acadia NP (Maine) – Twice weekly guided walks highlighting the building of Acadia NP. Weekly evening campfire programs.

JULY

All Month – Colonial NHP (Virginia) – Fifth Annual Children's Festival at Jamestown. Focus On jobs of NPS employees.

4 – Mount Rushmore NM (South Dakota) – Celebration of the Golden Anniversary and first dedication of Mount Rushmore sculpture.

4 – Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP (Georgia) – "Pops in the Park" concert. Chattanooga Symphony will play a series of songs linked to the national parks (e.g., Yellowstone Symphony).

4 – Fort Davis NHS (Texas) – Participate with the Chamber of Commerce to enhance awareness of the National Park Service and the 75th Anniversary.

4 – Fort Donelson NB (Tennessee) – Old-fashioned picnic.

6 – Theodore Roosevelt NP (North Dakota) – Hoisting the Mount Rushmore United States flag (45' x 90').

12-13 – Grand Teton NP (Wyoming) – Lecture by Dr. Robert Righter.

13-14 – Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS (Kentucky) – Founder's Day Celebration.

14 – George Washington Carver NM (Missouri) – Carver Day alumni/staff reunion.

20 – Women's Rights NHP (New York) – Convention Days Celebration – fashion show and parade of past women's uniforms.

AUGUST

All Month – Gulf Islands NS (Florida) – Outdoor concert at Davis Bayou.

All Month – Aztec Ruins NM (New Mexico) – Open house and special tours to areas of the monument which are not normally open.

4 - Pecos NM (New Mexico) - Feast Day
- 75th Anniversary party for community.

All Month - Jean Lafitte NHP (Louisiana)
- Opening of Folklife Visitor Center, New Orleans; 5k run at Barataria.

SEPTEMBER

All Month - Yellowstone NP (Wyoming) -
Yellowstone Scientific Conference Series.

All Month - Mammoth Cave NP
(Kentucky) - Kentucky Environmental
Education Conference.

All Month - Jean Lafitte NHP (Louisiana)
- Opening of Wetland Acadian Center in
Thibodaux, Louisiana.

All Month - Assateague Island NS
(Maryland) - Annual cleanup of 37-mile
island on Federal Lands Day;
ground-breaking ceremony for new visitor
center complex.

All Month - Great Smoky Mountain NP
(Tennessee) - National Reunion of the
NPS Employee and Alumni Association.

All Month - Fort Donelson NB
(Tennessee) - "River Days."

27-28 - Carl Sandburg Home NHS (North
Carolina) - Carl Sandburg Music Festival.

Sept. 28 or Oct. 5 - Saint Croix NSR
(Wisconsin) - Canoe trip and celebration.

All Month - Fort Davis NHS (Texas) -
Combine annual "Restoration Festival"
with idea of the 75th.

OCTOBER

All Month - Effigy Mounds NM (Iowa) -
Autumn Color Festival.

12 - Knife River Indian Villages NHS
(North Dakota) - Visitor center dedication.

14 - Fort Larned NHS (Kansas) - 25th
Anniversary celebration.

NOVEMBER

All Month - Arkansas Post NM
(Arkansas) - Recognition of Menard
Hodges site as a national landmark.

All Month - Mammoth Cave NP
(Kentucky) - Heritage Day/Civilian
Conservation Corps Homecoming.

6-10 Death Valley NM (California) - 42nd
"49'ers" encampment.

DECEMBER

All Month - Mammoth Cave NP
(Kentucky) - Christmas sing in cave.

Please see special Founder's Day
section for additional August activities.



FOUNDER'S DAY WEEKEND

August 24 – Bent's Old Fort NHS (Colorado) – Debate over reconstruction, Barry MacIntosh (History Division, Washington Office) and Rodd Whealon (Rocky Mountain Regional Office).

August 24 – Great Sand Dunes NM (Colorado) – 10k run.

August 24 – Buffalo NR (Arkansas) – Evening programs, amphitheaters at Buffalo Point and Tyler Bend.

August 24-25 – Big Hole NB (Montana) – Former superintendents and management assistants to present talks and reminisce; videotape it.

August 24-25 – Big South Fork NR & RA and Obed Wild and Scenic River (Tennessee) – Reduce rates for train ride.

August 24-25 – El Morro NM (New Mexico) – Ramah senior citizens demonstrating pioneer quilting; Zuni silversmithing and dancing; Navajo medicinal plant talk and rug weaving; local Spanish musicians.

August 24-25 – John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts (D.C.) – Host a 75th Anniversary celebration concert with the National Symphony Orchestra.

August 25 – Acadia NP (Maine):

Morning: Sunrise ceremony on Cadillac Mountain, first national park in U.S. to greet the sun. Fee-free day.

Afternoon: Special programs, concert in the park.

Evening: Founder's Day picnic at park headquarters for all present and former NPS staff.

August 25 – Apostle Islands NL (Wisconsin) – Work with the concessionaire and Chamber of Commerce for discount on boat use; "old-time uniform day."

August 25 – Bandelier NM (New Mexico) – Arts and crafts fair, Pueblo dancers, lecture series with theme: "The Last 75 Years and the Next 75 Years."

August 25 – Black Canyon of the Gunnison NM (Colorado) – Celebrity speaker for evening campfire program.

August 25 – Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP (Georgia) – Picnic program at Point Park.

August 25 – Colorado NM (Colorado) – Dedicate Stephen Mather, first director of National Park Service, commemorative tablet on visitor center grounds at evening ceremony; followed by Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra free concert.

August 25 – Cuyahoga Valley NRA (Ohio) – Governor proclaimed State NPS Day; Jim Brown (historical) play; exhibits.

August 25 – Florissant Fossil Beds NM (Colorado) – Ground breaking for new visitor center and seminar on how the National Park Service fits into conservation/preservation ideas.

August 25 – Fort Larned NHS (Kansas) – Dedicate local Santa Fe Trail site to correspond with anniversary; annual photo contest.

August 25 – Fort Pulaski NM (Georgia) – Encampment at fort conducted by volunteer Civil War reenactors. Senators Sam Nunn and Wyche Fowler and Representative Lindsay Thomas to be invited as speakers.

August 25 – Gates of the Arctic NPRES (Alaska) – Barbecue and picnic.

August 25 – Grand Teton NP (Wyoming) – Dedication of new Jenny Lake visitor complex.

August 25 – Guadalupe Mountains NP (Texas) – Hike to top of Guadalupe Peak.

August 25 – Moores Creek NB (North Carolina) – Old-fashioned picnic.

August 25 – San Francisco Maritime NHP (California) – Diamond Jubilee Maritime Day and historic sail on the San Francisco Maritime's "Alma."

August 25 – White Sands NM (New Mexico) – Formal dedication of new visitor facilities in the Heart of the Dunes.

August 25 – Yellowstone NP (Wyoming) – NPS birthday celebration and annual employee "Christmas in August" celebration.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Assateague Island NS (Maryland): Fall – science conference.

Badlands NP (South Dakota): Weekly program at amphitheater.

Big Thicket NPRES (Texas): "Sunday in the Park" program.

Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP (Georgia): Second Thursday of February, March, April, and May – evening program to highlight NPS.

Coulee Dam NRA (Washington): Summer – weekly campfire interpretive program.

Custer Battlefield NM (Montana): Dedication of Indian Memorial site and reburial of 7th Calvaryman's remains discovered in 1989.

Fort Stanwix NM (New York): Christmas candlelight open house with 18th- and 20th-century displays and activities.

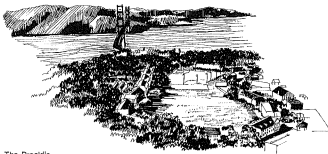
Golden Gate NRA (California): Dedication of Philip Burton Memorial; Presidio kick-off.

Hot Springs NP (Arkansas): Televised "gala" celebration.

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial NHS (Missouri): Major satellite celebration as a kick-off to Washington, D.C., gala.

Moore's Creek NB (North Carolina): "Special Events" each weekend between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Theodore Roosevelt NP (North Dakota): Dedication of North Unit visitor center and Knife River visitor center.



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DUAL ANNIVERSARIES



Years

- 20** Arches NP, Utah
established as a NP – 11/12/71
Capitol Reef NP, Utah
established as NP – 12/18/71
Gulf Islands NS,
Florida & Mississippi – 1/8/71
Lincoln Home NHS, Illinois –
8/18/71
Voyageurs NP, Minnesota – 1/8/71
- 25** Fort Union Trading Post NHS,
North Dakota – 6/20/66
Indiana Dunes NL, Indiana –
11/5/66
Pictured Rocks NL, Michigan –
10/15/66
San Juan Island NHP,
Washington – 9/9/66
- 30** Buck Island Reef NM, Virgin
Islands – 12/28/61
Cape Cod NS, Massachusetts –
8/7/61
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal NHP,
Maryland, D.C., and West Virginia
– proclaimed C&O Canal NM –
1/18/61
Fort Davis NHS, Texas – 9/8/61
Fort Smith NHS, Arkansas –
9/13/61
Fort Vancouver NHS, Washington
– changed to NHS – 6/30/61
Piscataway Park, D.C. – 10/4/61
Russell Cave NM, Alabama –
5/11/61
- 40** Grand Portage NM, Minnesota –
designated as NHS – 9/15/51
- 50** Fort Raleigh NHS, North Carolina –
4/5/41
Mammoth Cave NP, Kentucky –
established 7/1/41
Mount Rushmore NM, South
Dakota – established 1941
- 60** Canyon de Chelly NM, Arizona –
2/14/31
Fort Necessity NM, Pennsylvania
– established as NB 3/13/31
Isle Royale NP, Michigan – 3/3/31
Kings Mountain NMP, South
Carolina – 3/3/31
- 65** Moores Creek NB, North Carolina
– 6/2/26
- 70** Hot Springs NP, Arkansas –
redesignated as NP – 3/4/21
- 75** Abraham Lincoln Birthplace
NHS, Kentucky – established as
Abraham Lincoln NP – 7/17/16
Acadia NP, Maine – proclaimed
Sieur de Monts NM – 7/8/16
Bandelier NM, New Mexico –
2/11/16
Capulin Volcano NM, New
Mexico – 8/9/16
Haleakala NP, Hawaii –
authorized as part of Hawaii NP –
8/1/16
Hawaii Volcanoes NP, Hawaii –
established as part of Hawaii NP
– 8/1/16; redesignated as HVNP –
9/22/61
Lassen Volcanic NP, California –
made part of LVNP established
8/9/16
- 80** Colorado NM, Colorado – 5/24/11
Devils Postpile NM, California –
7/6/11
Lincoln Memorial, D.C. – 2/9/11
- 85** Devils Tower NM, Wyoming –
9/24/06
El Morro NM, New Mexico –
12/8/06
Mesa Verde NP, Colorado –
6/29/06



FOR MORE INFORMATION

We hope you will be interested in learning more about one or more of the events or activities occurring in your parks, monuments, historic sites, and recreation areas during the Diamond Anniversary. To obtain up-to-date specifics about the activities described in this publication, please make some calls or write. It is vital to encourage any visitors or travelers to do so well in advance of their trip.

For details on any specific park event or celebration, please call or write to the individual site manager. Address your correspondence or inquiries to "75th Anniversary Coordinator" at the mailing address listed in the NPS folder entitled National Park System Map and Guide.

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NOTES



As the nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has responsibility for most of our nationally owned public lands and natural and cultural resources. This includes fostering wise use of our land and water resources, protecting our fish and wildlife, preserving the environmental and cultural values of our national parks and historical places, and providing for the enjoyment of life through outdoor recreation. The department assesses our energy and mineral resources and works to ensure that their development is in the best interests of all our people. The department also promotes the goals of the Take Pride In America campaign by encouraging stewardship and citizen responsibility for the public lands and promoting citizen participation in their care. The department also has a major responsibility for American Indian reservation communities and for people who live in island territories under U.S. administration.

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